

acte upon neither. Since the All-hallowes men wil be still mad, 'tis a mercy they appeer A. D. 1655.
 foe evidently, that we must confesse tacitly they speake the truth, unless we punnish them
 openly for speakinge of such horrid lyes. I know it has greived many an honest hart,
 that they have bin suffered foe longe; and 'twould satisfy them, if they were tollerated
 noe longer. I feare indulgency will rather heighten their evell, then win them from it.

We are now goeing to publish a proclamation against the Scotch of this country, trans-
 planting them into Ulster, whither they dayly resort in such thronges, that 'tis appre-
 hended both ther and heere ther is fom ill intended therby.

I have noethinge more at this time to add, but the assurance, that I am cordially, Sir,

Your most humble, most faithfull,

Edinb. Dec. 25, 1655.

and most affectionate servant,

BROGHILL.

Secretary Thurloe to H. Cromwell, major general of the army in Ireland.

MY LORD,

Colo. Cowper and colonel Sankey went from hence yesterday towards Ireland: the In the posses-
 first is to comaund the forces in Ulster, and the other to attend his charge, that he sion of Joseph
 may alsoe have opportunitie to temper and mollesse those of his principles, who are apt Jekyll, Esq.
 enough to take pett upon a very little occasion. The generality of them heere seeme to
 be reasonable well pleased, but some of them are outrageous. John Sympson preaches
 like any Bedlam, but takes his opportunities to doe it, that he may, after he hath done,
 escape beinge apprehended, and soe hides hymselfe.

Cornet Day is by the heeles, and hath had a hearinge in the presence of severall godly
 people, who are ashamed of his carriage. What his judgment and punishment is like to
 be, the next will tell you. I thinke, I troubled your lordship with the whole story of
 this buissines by the last, as I did of the disputation of the divines touchinge the admit-
 tance of the Jewes into England; and I can add noethinge to either of them now. I doe
 assure you, that his highnes is put to exercise every day with the peevishnes and wrath of
 some persons heere. But the Lord enables hym with comfort to beare the hard speeches
 and reproaches, which he is loaded with from day to day; and helps hym to returne good
 for evill, and good will for their hatred, which certeinlye is the way to heape coales of
 fire upon their head, to melt them, and bringe them into a better frame and temper.

Our affaires heere remeyne in the same condition as by my last: noethinge at all new
 hath happened. Your condition in Ireland for want of money hath beene often repre-
 sented to the counsell, and they issue orders from tyme to tyme for sendinge thither sup-
 plies of that nature; and I hope the treasurers will answere it accordingly. Wee heare
 noethinge from Jamaica; and whilst wee doe, wee are at a stand as to sendinge any thinge
 thither; only some ships are in preparation, and two are already gone with such thinges,
 as wee judge most necessary for their subsistence.

Wee are barren of forreine newes, this not beinge a season for action only. The
 Swedes proceed with very great successe in Prussia, haveinge conquered all Poland. The
 printed intelligence will let your lordship see the full state of that buissines. All that I can
 add thereto is, that the marquisse of Brandenburg hath sent to the states generall for
 aides both of men, money, and shippinge, for his defence against the Swede; which I
 heare the states will grant hym, by meanes whereof a warre is like to fall out amongst the
 protestants, and thereby an opportunitie will be given to the Polanders and popish partie
 to recover themselves againe.

His highnes is useinge the best endeavours he can to hinder and compose these differ-
 ences, which are like to be of foe fatall consequence to the protestant partye.

I trust your lordship is well recovered againe. Your health and prosperitye is heartily
 prayed for by

Your lordship's most humble

Whitehall, Dec. 25, 1655.

and faithfull servant,

JO. THURLOE.

Sir John Reynolds desires leave of his highnes to come hither for 3 weekes, which his
 highnes referres to your lordship to doe, as you finde the affaires there can dispense with
 his absence.

Lord